

Senate File 312 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 312

BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 9)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act concerning registration plates issued for business-trade
- 2 trucks and special trucks, and including applicability date
- 3 provisions.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.120, subsection 3, Code 2011, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. Upon approval of the application and payment of
4 the proper fees, the county treasurer shall issue regular
5 registration plates for the ~~vehicle which distinguish the~~
6 ~~vehicle as a~~ business-trade truck. The department may adopt
7 rules requiring the use of a sticker or other means to identify
8 motor vehicles registered under this section.

9 Sec. 2. Section 321.121, Code 2011, is amended by adding the
10 following new subsection:

11 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. Upon approval of the application
12 and payment of the proper fees, the county treasurer shall
13 issue regular registration plates for the special truck. The
14 department may adopt rules requiring the use of a sticker or
15 other means to identify motor vehicles registered under this
16 section.

17 Sec. 3. PHASED-IN ELIMINATION OF BUSINESS-TRADE TRUCK AND
18 SPECIAL TRUCK PLATES.

19 1. It is the intent of the general assembly that the owners
20 of business-trade trucks and special trucks have access to
21 any of the specialty registration plates issued under section
22 321.34 under the same terms and conditions that apply to owners
23 of other motor vehicles under that section.

24 2. By January 1, 2012, the department of transportation
25 shall discontinue the practice of issuing business-trade truck
26 registration plates and special truck registration plates,
27 and shall instead provide regular registration plates for new
28 business-trade truck and special truck registrations. Current
29 requirements and fees for business-trade truck and special
30 truck registrations continue to apply. In conjunction with the
31 transition to the issuance of regular registration plates for
32 business-trade and special trucks, the following registration
33 practices shall apply:

34 a. Except as provided in paragraph "b", current owners of
35 vehicles with business-trade or special truck plates shall

1 already been issued business-trade or special truck plates
2 shall continue to use those plates until ownership transfers or
3 the department of transportation issues a new series of Iowa
4 registration plates. However, an owner may elect to trade
5 current business-trade or special truck plates for any of the
6 specialty plates for which the owner qualifies, subject to the
7 additional fees applicable for the specialty plates. An owner
8 who applies for a new registration of a business-trade truck or
9 special truck will have the option to choose specialty plates
10 or be issued regular registration plates.

11 Current requirements and fees for business-trade and special
12 truck registrations are not affected by the bill. The bill
13 is applicable for plates issued during registration periods
14 beginning on or after January 1, 2012.